

EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND TRAINING

SENATE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE - QUESTIONS ON NOTICE 2006-2007 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Outcome: 1

Output Group: 1.1 – Funding for schools

DEST Question No. E131_07

Senator Wong asked on 1 June 2006, EWRE Hansard page 93.

Refers to DEST Question No E990_06.

Question:

Update E990_06 to include new funding agreements signed.

E990_06: In respect of each Australian Technical College where a funding agreement has been signed:

- (1) Who are the members of the consortium chosen to operate the Australian Technical College?
- (2) What are the names of the government and/or non-government schools in the consortium which will have responsibility for delivering the relevant year 11 and 12 school curriculum?
- (3) What fees, if any, will be payable by students at the college to the schools identified in part (2).
 - (a) for 'general' purposes and
 - (b) for accredited training
- (4) What are the registered training organisations (RTOs) in the consortium which will have responsibility for delivering the relevant accredited training?
- (5) What fees, if any, will be payable by students at the college to the RTOs identified in part (4).
- (6) How many campuses/locations does the consortium propose to establish and where will they be located?
- (7) How many students does the college expect to enrol (a) in total and (b) at each location identified in part 6, (i) in 2006 and (ii) when operating at full capacity.
- (8) What programs does the college expect to offer (a) in 2006 and (b) when operating at full capacity?
- (9) When does the college expect to be operating at full capacity?
- (10) What is the total sum of funding made available under this contract for the current budget year and over the forward estimates?
- (11) For the Catholic and independent schools that have responsibility within the College, what will be the schools' SES scores and level of general recurrent funding (per capita and total). Please also estimate the level of state or territory recurrent funding.

Answer:

Australian Technical Colleges

For parts (1), (2), (3), (4), (6), (7), (8), (10) see each college summaries below.

(1) Note: Not all Colleges will be run by a consortium, however, this term is used in all summaries for consistency.

(5) No further fees have been identified in the Business Plans.

(7)(ii) Note: Projected enrolments for 2009 have been provided in response to this question to reflect the period of the funding agreement. However, many Colleges have indicated that they will continue to increase enrolments for a number of years after 2009.

(8) Note: Programmes offered 'at full capacity' are provided for 2009 to reflect the period of the funding agreement. Additional programmes may be added later.

(9) North Brisbane will be fully operational by 2008 and the remaining colleges by 2009.

(11) The information requested will not be available until a formal application for recurrent funding has been lodged by the respective Colleges. Following that, student address data may need to be obtained and only then can an SES score be calculated. State and Territory governments are responsible for determining levels of their own recurrent funding for schools. A figure is available for ATC - Port Macquarie and this is provided in the summary.

Australian Technical College – Eastern Melbourne – opened 2006

Consortium members: Ringwood Secondary College on behalf of the Victorian Department of Education and Training, MEGT Australia Ltd, and St Joseph's College, Ferntree Gully.

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: Ringwood Secondary College and St Joseph's College, Ferntree Gully.

Location(s): The ATC is operating within Ringwood Secondary College, a state government school, with a satellite campus at St Joseph's College in Ferntree Gully. Students are enrolled at Ringwood Secondary College.

Programmes offered:

2006- Automotive, cabinet making and electro-technology.

2008 – Automotive, cabinet making, electro-technology, engineering, building and construction, manufacturing, warehousing/distribution and commercial cookery.

Projected Student Numbers:

Campus	2006	2007	2008
Ringwood	45	90	165
Ferntree Gully	30	90	105
TOTAL	75	180	270

Registered Training Organisation: Box Hill TAFE, Hospitality Training Services and MEGT Australia Ltd. As facilities are completed the ATC will undertake RTO accreditation in its own right.

Fees Proposed: \$500 per student per year (general purposes).

Funding:

	2005	2006	2007	2008
TOTAL (\$):	1,598,845	9,155,655	2,453,277	1,015,000

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Note: The funding period for Eastern Melbourne ends in 2008. The figures for projected enrolments and programmes offered reflect this.

Australian Technical College – Gladstone – opened 2006

Consortium members: Gladstone Area Group Apprentices Ltd, Commerce Queensland and Gladstone Engineering Alliance. .

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: State High Schools: Gladstone, Toolooa, Tannum Sands, Moura, Biloela. Non-government schools: Chanel College and St Stephens Lutheran College. Intends to register as a new non-government school in 2008.

Location(s): Students will be enrolled in their secondary schools including Gladstone, Toolooa, Tannum Sands, Moura, Biloela, State High Schools and, two non-government schools: Chanel College and St Stephens Lutheran College.

Programmes offered:

2006 - Metals and engineering and electro-technology.

2009 - Metals and engineering, electro-technology, building and construction and mining and process plant operation.

Projected Student Numbers:

2006	2007	2008	2009
30	65	100	135

Registered Training Organisation: The Central Queensland Institute of TAFE and local existing trade training facilities will be available for trade training.

Fees Proposed: No additional fees proposed in the first two years of operation. Once the ATC is registered as a school, fees are expected to be \$500 (general purposes).

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	2,562,996	2,861,887	1,364,454	1,382,246

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Australian Technical College – Gold Coast – opened 2006

Consortium members: Consortium stakeholders include Commerce Queensland, Construction Training Queensland, Gold Coast Marine Industry Association, Queensland Master Builders Association, Australian Culinary Federation, Dreamworld and Frank Newham Constructions, GTA Human Resources, AB Paterson College, Australian Institute of Technology.

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: For 2006-07 the ATC will support students while they remain enrolled in their existing schools. From 2008 all training will be provided through the Australian Technical College Gold Coast Limited which will be a new non-government school.

Location(s): 2006-07 utilising multiple existing schools and training and education facilities in the Gold Coast region. In 2008, the ATC will move to a new purpose built facility at Helensvale.

Programmes offered:

2006 – Building and construction and commercial cookery.

2009 – Building and construction and commercial cookery, automotive and engineering.

Projected Student Numbers:

Campus	2006	2007	2008	2009
Nerang / Benowa (interim arrangement)	45	135		
Helensvale			240	300
TOTAL	45	135	240	300

Registered Training Organisation: Australian Institute of Technology

Fees Proposed: No fees are currently charged. A tuition fee of \$2,000 per student per year will apply from 2008. A scholarships programme is envisaged to assist students meet these costs.

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	1,711,850	1,872,500	3,945,000	4,074,00

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Australian Technical College – Northern Tasmania – opening August 2006

Consortium Members: St Patrick's College (lead), Learning Partners, Northern Group Training, Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: Australian Technical College - Northern Tasmania (to be registered as a non-government school).

Location(s): Two campuses will be established – one in Launceston and one in Burnie. The College will operate from interim premises until new purpose built buildings are completed in both locations.

Programmes offered:

2006 - building and construction and metal and engineering.

2009 - building and construction, metal and engineering, automotive, electro-technology, commercial cookery and rural.

Projected Student Numbers:

By Campus:	2006	2007	2008	2009
Launceston	33	114	180	209
Burnie	17	61	98	114
Total	50	175	278	323

Registered Training Organisations: Australian Technical College - Northern Tasmania (to be registered as a RTO).

Fees Proposed: Students enrolling in 2006 will not be charged a fee. For each year thereafter, students will be charged fees of \$500 per annum (general purposes).

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	7,551,000	4,646,000	2,200,000	2,200,000

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Australian Technical College – Port Macquarie – opened January 2006

Consortium members: Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Lismore

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: St Josephs Vocational College, a non-government school.

Location(s): Two campuses - Port Macquarie and Manning Valley (Taree).

Programmes offered:

2006 - Metal and engineering, building and construction, electro-technology, automotive and commercial cookery.

2009 - Metal and engineering, building and construction, electro-technology, automotive and commercial cookery.

Projected Student Numbers

Campus	2006	2007	2008	2009
Port Macquarie	215	255	275	300
Manning Valley	45	70	90	105
TOTAL	260	325	365	405

Registered Training Organisations: Priority One Employment and Training (to be registered as a RTO)

Fees Proposed: \$1,251 per student (general purposes)

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	8,268,493	1,563,244	1,627,702	1,708,001

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

SES Score: 95

General Recurrent Funding: \$5,172 per capita, annual entitlement for Port Macquarie \$1,106,808, annual entitlement for Manning Valley Campus \$113,784

Australian Technical College – Adelaide South – opening 2007

Consortium Members: Port Adelaide Training and Development Centre.

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: Australian Technical College – Adelaide South (to be registered as a non-government school).

Location(s): Two campuses will be established – the first at a vacant high school requiring refurbishment, 40 kms south of Adelaide at Christies Downs; the second to open in 2009, 14 kms north-west of Adelaide at Ottoway.

Programmes offered:

2006 – Nil

2009 - Metals and engineering, building and construction and electro-technology.

Projected Student Numbers:

Campus	2006	2007	2008	2009
Christies Downs		70	115	150
Ottoway				70
Total	Nil	70	115	220

Registered Training Organisations: Port Adelaide Training and Development Centre

Fees Proposed: A standard fee structure based upon the current non compulsory fee structure for State Government schools in South Australia will apply to students attending the College – approximately \$230 per student per annum (general purposes).

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	9,898,511.07	1,599,595	2,300,000	2,100,000

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Australian Technical College – Bendigo – opening 2007

Consortium Members: A legal entity has been formed, Australian Technical College – Bendigo Limited, chaired by the original proponent, Don Erskine of Industrial Conveying Australia P/L.

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: Australian Technical College – Bendigo (to be registered as a non-government school) and other existing regional secondary colleges.

Location(s): The ATC will be located in Bendigo and will provide access to students from Castlemaine, Maryborough, Kyabram, Rochester, Echuca and Bendigo.

Programmes offered:

2006- Nil

2009 - Metals and engineering, building and construction, automotive, hospitality (commercial cookery) and electro-technology.

Projected Student Enrolments:

2006	2007	2008	2009
Nil	65	133	204

Registered Training Organisations: The Bendigo Regional Institute of TAFE and Central Victoria Group Training (CVGT) will be engaged to deliver vocational training for students. As facilities are completed, the ATC will undertake accreditation in its own right.

Fees Proposed: \$200 per student (general purposes).

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	5,212,700	3,285,000	1,950,000	2,465,000

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Australian Technical College – Geelong – opening 2007

Consortium members: The ATC is a registered incorporated body trading as Barwon Technical College. The original proposal was led by G-Force Recruitment, a Group Training Organisation and involved the Geelong Manufacturing Council.

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: The Australian Technical College – Geelong (to be registered as a new non-government school).

Location(s): Main site will be Geelong Manufacturing Industry Training Centre in East Geelong – leased from Gordon Institute (facilities to be upgraded).

Programmes offered:

2006 – Nil

2009 - Building and construction, automotive, metals and engineering.

Projected Student Numbers

2006	2007	2008	2009
Nil	72	192	286

Registered Training Organisations: Gordon Institute of TAFE.

Fees Proposed: \$400 per student per annum (general purposes).

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	2,238,607	2,209,930	2,552,955	2,621,094

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Australian Technical College – Gippsland – opening 2007

Consortium members: The Board is chaired by the CEO of Farquhars Plumbing and Gas (head office located in Bairnsdale) and includes another six local industry representatives (Civil Contractors Federation, Patties Food, Bonaccord Foods, Chris Banks Building, Dullard Motors, Kennedy Trailers), three education representatives, (East Gippsland TAFE, Nagle College and Adult Community Education, Sale) and three community representatives.

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: The Australian Technical College -Gippsland will be established as a new non-government independent school.

Location(s): Dual campus – Bairnsdale and Sale. The actual location of both sites is yet to be confirmed.

Programmes offered:

2006 – Nil

2009 - Building and construction, automotive, commercial cookery, metals and engineering, civil construction, electrical, hairdressing and horticulture.

Projected Student Numbers:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
ATC Enrolment At Sale		25	50	60
ATC Enrolment At Bairnsdale		25	50	60
Combined ATC Enrolments At Sale & Bairnsdale Campuses		50	100	120
Associate Students At Home Schools		3	8	22
Total	Nil	53	108	142

Registered Training Organisations: The College proposes to link with East Gippsland TAFE, Central Gippsland TAFE, Eastern Victorian Group Training and Gippsland Group Training.

Fees Proposed: \$250 per student (general purposes).

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	5,135,740	3,598,194	1,508,201	1,741,242

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Australian Technical College – Hunter – opening January 2007

Consortium members: Hunter Valley Training Company (HVTC) and the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: Australian Technical College - Hunter (to be registered as a non-government school).

Location(s): Three campuses - Maitland (Telarah), Newcastle (Adamstown) and Singleton.

Programmes offered:

2006 – Nil

2009 – Electro-technology, metals and engineering, automotive, building and construction, commercial cookery.

Projected Student Numbers

Campus	2006	2007	2008	2009
Maitland		60	120	130
Newcastle		60	130	170
Singleton		30	60	60
Total	Nil	150	310	360

Registered Training Organisations: Australian Technical College - Hunter (to be registered as a RTO).

Fees Proposed: Fees of \$350 per year per student are proposed rising to \$500 in 2009 (general purposes).

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	4,685,740	9,500,180	3,034,470	2,779,050

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Australian Technical College – North Brisbane – opening 2007

Consortium members: Redcliffe City Council and Commerce Queensland

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: Australian Technical College – North Brisbane (to be registered as a non-government school)

Location(s): The main campus of the College will be located at the old Frawley Campus of the Southern Cross College in Scarborough with a satellite campus located at St James' College in Fortitude Valley.

Programmes offered:

2006 – Nil

2009 - Building and construction, metal and engineering, automotive, electrotechnology, commercial cookery and hospitality.

Projected Student Numbers:

2006	2007	2008	2009
Nil	150	300	350

Registered Training Organisation: Australian Technical College – North Brisbane (to be registered as a RTO).

Fees Proposed: No tuition charges will apply. There will be a charge of \$500 for course materials.

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	6,540,997	3,803,809	2,850,551	3,464,664

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Australian Technical College – North Queensland (Townsville) – opening 2007

Consortium members: Townsville Chamber of Commerce, Commerce Queensland, HIA, TORGAS, Regional District Principals Association, Townsville Regional Engineering Cluster, North QLD Organisation of Councils and the Catholic Education Office.

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: Australian Technical College - North Queensland (to be registered as a non-government school).

Location(s): New purpose built facilities will be constructed by 2007 on a site located adjacent to the CSIRO laboratories in Townsville.

Programmes offered:

2006- Nil

2009 - metal and engineering, automotive, building and construction and electrotechnology.

Projected Student Numbers

2006	2007	2008	2009
Nil	100	244	300

Registered Training Organisations: Australian Technical College - North Queensland (to be registered as a RTO).

Fees Proposed: Nil

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$)	14,831,450	5,376,788	2,237,511	2,146,350

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Australian Technical College – Northern Adelaide – opening 2007

Consortium Members: Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide and the Northern Adelaide Industry Group.

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: Australian Technical College – Northern Adelaide (to be registered as a new non-government school).

Location(s): In 2007 the College will operate from St Columba College, Andrews Farm. Permanent facilities will be located in Elizabeth West and expected to be completed by end 2007.

Programmes offered:

2006 – Nil

2009 - Metals and engineering, building and construction, automotive, electro-technology and commercial cookery

Projected Student Numbers:

2006	2007	2008	2009
Nil	100	250	307

Registered Training Organisations: Australian Technical College – Northern Adelaide (to be registered as a RTO). In the interim, trade training will be outsourced to local RTOs.

Fees Proposed: A low fees policy of \$700 per student for 2007 will apply (general purposes) with 50% discount for families with Health Card/School Card.

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	\$4,598,279	\$4,185,923	\$5,048,208	\$1,990,835

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.

Australian Technical College – Perth South – opening 2007

Consortium Members: Stirling Skills Training Incorporated, leading a consortium involving the City of Gosnells, City of Armadale and the Armadale Redevelopment Authority.

Names of schools responsible for delivering curriculum: Australian Technical College – Perth South (to be registered as a non-government school).

Location(s): Two campuses will be established in the south east corridor of Perth – within the Armadale and Gosnells (Maddington) local government areas.

Programmes offered:

2006 – Nil

2009 – automotive, construction, electro-technology and metal and engineering.

Projected Student Numbers:

By Campus:	2006	2007	2008	2009
Maddington		45	120	150
Armadale		45	90	150
Total	Nil	90	210	300

Registered Training Organisations: Stirling Skills Training Incorporated

Fees Proposed: \$1,550 per annum per student – (\$100 enrolment, \$200 materials, \$1,250 tuition fee).

Funding:

	2006	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL (\$):	7,381,417	3,842,500	2,580,000	2,520,000

Note: All figures are GST exclusive.